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Dear Reader,

Every year the *Transportation Law Journal* elects a new Executive and Editorial Board to assume the responsibilities and rewards of publishing articles that will benefit, educate, and intrigue our readers in the transportation law industry. As law students and aspiring attorneys at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, identifying works that will fulfill these goals is a daunting task. Thankfully, we are not alone in this endeavor. Our faculty advisor, Professor Robert Hardaway, and the devoted members of the Transportation Lawyers Association, assist us in our efforts to bring you a quality publication.

This Issue is a culmination of those efforts and as such, I am pleased to present you this Board's first Issue of the 2007-2008 academic year, Volume 34:4. I am particularly excited because this Issue is comprised of works representing a number of the various modes of the transportation field, including aviation, maritime, and motor carrier. The works comprised in this Issue touch on cutting edge developments in the transportation field, such as the use and feasibility of the Arctic Archipelago as a viable passage for ships, and aviation as a tool of economic growth and poverty alleviation. The Issue also includes works that address developing case law, statutes, and treaties that will impact the various modes of transportation law.

For example, for those members of the transportation field working in the motor carrier industry, *Rent-a-Defendant: Current Developments Concerning Vicarious Liability Statutes* addresses recent case law on whether the Transportation Equity Act preempts state laws that hold owners of motor vehicles liable for the negligence of persons using or otherwise renting the vehicle.

The diverse topics addressed in this Issue also include the exploration of North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in *The Effects of Transportation Regulation on the Transborder Metropolitan Areas of the U.S.-Mexico Border Region: NAFTA and the Mexican Truck Plan – Where Do We Go From Here?*, and the assessment of the dead ship doctrine in *The Puerto Rico Ports Authority v. Umpierre-Solares: Can the “Dead Ship” Doctrine Ever Remove a Suit Brought in Personam on a Maritime Contract from Federal Admiralty Jurisdiction?* Both works touch on important legal developments in the transportation field as they pertain to the motor carrier and maritime industry, respectfully.

As Editor-in-Chief, I look forward to bringing you articles through the coming year that not only cover the developing transportation laws, but also works that raise new interest on how far the transportation field may prosper and advance to support our global community.

Yours truly,

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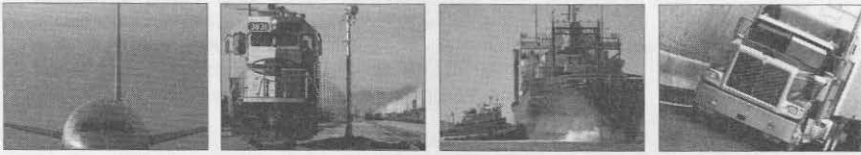
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